

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 • 3:07 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Room C445 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting

2. Computer-Adaptive Testing

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Assessment has proposed a modification of the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS) to include computer-adaptive testing in reading, math, and science.

- Supt. Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

3. Federal Education Issues

Congressman Bishop will discuss the Apple Initiative and address committee members' questions on education issues.

- Congressman Rob Bishop

4. Consider Proposed Legislation Reauthorizing a Grant Program for Teachers

The Committee will consider proposed legislation to reauthorize and modify a program that provides grants to minimize teachers' out-of-pocket expenses for advanced-level certification programs and to take tests to meet highly qualified teacher standards.

- Rep. Kory Holdaway and Sen. Mark Madsen

5. Property Tax and School Funding in Utah

Mr. Dean will make a presentation on school funding in Utah with a focus on the property tax component.

- Phil Dean, Policy Analyst

6. Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

In September, the Committee will visit the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. A working group has proposed changes in statute and State Board of Education rule relating to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and has held public hearings on the proposed changes.

- Phil Dean, Policy Analyst
- Mr. Karl Wilson, Utah State Office of Education
- Public comment

7. Other Items / Adjourn